

**To:** Honorable Mayor Price and Members of the City Council

**cc:** Denis Fitzgibbons, City Attorney  
City Manager's Executive Management Team

**From:** Gregory E. Rose  
City Manager

**Date:** May 29, 2014

**RE:** City Manager Report

## **ACTIVITIES and EVENTS**

- The Movie in the Park Series will continue on Saturday, May 31, at dusk with "Dolphin Tale" at Copper Sky Amphitheater. Concessions will be available for purchase starting at 7 p.m.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Committee Openings**

The City is currently accepting applications to fill vacancies on the Parks, Recreation, and Libraries Advisory Committee, Industrial Development Authority Board, and the Merit Board. Applications are available on the City website at [www.maricopa-az.gov](http://www.maricopa-az.gov). Contact the City Clerk's Office at 520-316-6971 for more information.

### **Check Out Current City Recruitments**

- Please follow link <http://www.maricopa-az.gov/web/jobs-portal> .

### **Economic Development Updates**

- **City Code Project Public Notice:** During the May 20 City Council Work Session, staff gave a presentation on proposed regulations, licensing procedures and fees for special business types, specifically: (1) Tobacco Retail Establishments and (2) Auctioneers, Pawnbrokers, Scrap Dealers and Secondhand Dealers. Per City Council direction, public notice of the proposed City Code updates and fees has been posted to the City website.
- **ICSC RECon News Release:** Last week, a group of City representatives attended the International Council of Shopping Centers' (ICSC) annual retail trade show in Las Vegas. [Click here to read the City's news release on the event.](#)
- **MAP Quarterly Event:** The next planned event is the MAP Quarterly Event, which will be held on June 18. Join a group of Maricopa Advocates committed

- to making a difference in the community and sign up today. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **MCE Free Workshops:** The Maricopa Center for Entrepreneurship (MCE) is hosting a series of free workshops for aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners. The next workshop will be held on June 3 and is titled “Developing Your Brand.” [Click here for more information.](#)
  - **New Shop Local Logo:** Economic Development staff worked with the Communications & Marketing team to design a new, custom logo for the City’s Shop Local program. Look for this logo to appear on future Shop Local marketing and promotional materials.
  - **University of Arizona/Central Arizona College Meeting:** At the November 1, 2013 Strategic Planning Retreat, staff was directed to move forward in establishing relationships and opportunities with science and engineering based higher education providers. On Tuesday, Economic Development staff met with University of Arizona and Central Arizona College representatives to advance opportunities for science based education in Maricopa.
  - **New Businesses:** Since the last report, the City received new business license applications from three home-based businesses, two businesses that will have a commercial location and two out-of-town businesses that will be doing business in Maricopa.

## **Public Works**

### **Capital Projects**

- **Honeycutt Road Widening Project:** This project will improve Honeycutt Road from White and Parker Road to Porter Road, widening out to four lanes and installing curb, gutter, and sidewalk on the south side. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid-June and continue for eight months. Some private utilities affected by the project are in the process of relocation.
- **Copper Sky Multi-Generation Center and Regional Park:** The architect and contractors are continuing to work with staff to address opportunities for change or improvement identified by staff since the building and park opening.

### **Streets Maintenance**

- Staff assisted PD with message boards and cones for high school graduation traffic control on May 22.
- Trees, that were blocking signs and street sweepers, were trimmed.
- Staff sprayed rights-of-way.
- Water pumps and emergency trailers were prepared for monsoon season.

## **Development Services**

### **Code Compliance**

- Weeds were cleared from the front yard of a house on Ryans Trail, from several lots within Parcel 6 in the Villages at Rancho El Dorado, and from the front yard of a house on Balboa Drive in the Rancho El Dorado. Before and after photos are attached.
- Commercial vehicles were cited and subsequently removed from a vacant lot at the entrance to Tortosa. Before and after photos are attached.
- Several unauthorized signs were removed from public property, and a non-permitted temporary business sign was voluntarily removed. Photos are attached.

### **Planning**

- **Zoning Code Rewrite Project:**  
At the May 7 Zoning Code Task Force meeting, the Task Force requested an additional meeting to review the final revisions to the Zoning Code Public Review draft, prior to forwarding a recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. The Final Public review Draft revision will be available the week of June 2, and the Zoning Code Rewrite Task Force is scheduled to meet on June 11 at 6 p.m. in the Maricopa City Council Chambers. Further information, including the latest schedule, presentations, related documents, maps, and the draft Zoning Code, is available on the Zoning Code Rewrite website at <http://www.maricopa-az.gov/zoningcode/>. Please contact Dana Burkhardt with questions or comments at [dana.burkhardt@maricopa-az.gov](mailto:dana.burkhardt@maricopa-az.gov).
- The City received an application from the Desert Cedars Homeowners Association (HOA) to process a street name change request; however, the application is not complete. Staff is working with the HOA to gather all pertinent information. Once the application is complete, staff will initiate the public notification process and schedule a public hearing and City Council meeting date.

### **Transportation/Transit**

- Staff attended the Interstate 11 Agency meeting in Buckeye on May 21. The meeting focused on cost/benefit analyses of the various corridor alignments. The next meeting will be June 25.
- Staff met with Total Transit on May 21 to plan arrangements for the Special Summer Shuttle. This pilot program, if approved by City Council on June 3, will provide shuttle service between various residential area bus stops and the Copper Sky Recreation Complex. Other high-transit-demand locations may also be considered as stopping points.
- Staff facilitated a special meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) on May 27. This meeting included a presentation provided by Jacobs Engineering and an opportunity for input on the East-West Corridor Study.

- COMET ridership for the week ending May 23: 36 passengers, 56 trips.

*Please note: Breakdowns of ride types for each month are provided by the contractor to staff by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the following month, per contract terms. Staff will update the table as soon as these numbers are provided.*

Ride Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Medical	53	53	41	71									218
Groceries	11	10	29	39									89
Work	0	0	0	0									0
Mall	0	0	0	0									0
Leisure	157	91	79	47									374
Misc.	42	82	15	15									154
TOTAL	263	236	164	172									835
Unique Passengers	106	146	97	125									474

## **Community Services News**

### **Recreation**

- Copper Sky members: 4113, including 178 Ak-Chin members and 50 and up members at 553.
- 7 personal training packages were sold in May.
- A new personal trainer will join Copper Sky staff. The individual specializes in group training.
- A new Pilates instructor will begin group classes, as well as, one-on-one sessions in June.
- Women on Weights has two sessions. One is under way and interest for future a class has generated another session to follow after the end of the current one.
- NEW Group Exercise Class: Dance Fit with Kami & Lisa is scheduled on Friday evenings starting in June. We are happy to make this addition to our class line up after receiving numerous requests for a Friday evening class.
- We have a total of 219 participants registered for summer enrichment classes. Summer season starts the first week of June.
- Camp Sol special needs summer camp starts Monday, June 2. This program is six weeks long and runs Monday-Thursday. The theme for this summer is "The World" and the participants will travel around all seven continents through crafts, snacks, and physical activities.
- The Summer Fun & Fitness camp staff will attend frontline FUNdamentals training, Saturday, May 31 at the Pyle Adult Center in Tempe. This training



- will include topics on customer service, technology in recreation, bullying, icebreakers, board games, balloon artistry, and inclusion.
- The Future Leaders Teen Summer Volunteer program will hold a special training on Tuesday, May 27 at Copper Sky Multigenerational Center. The group will be trained on how to program expectations, how to interact with participants, and on all of the fun activities they will be doing this summer.
  - Maricopa Marlins Swim Team has 100 participant registered for the summer session.
  - Copper Sky Aquatic Center officially opened on Monday, May 26. The first day of regular operation saw nearly 1000 patrons.
  - Silver Sneakers membership begins on Monday, June 2.
  - Copper Sky is now offering two sessions of water aerobics weekly at the Copper Sky Aquatic Center.

### **Parks**

- The Copper Sky Regional Lake will be stocked on May 29 with 500 catfish.

### **Special Events**

- Movies in the Park, Saturday, May 31 at 7 p.m. Saturday's movie feature is Dolphin Tale.
- Planning for the Great American 4<sup>th</sup> is in full force. Nine vendors are registered to participate and Laura Walsh, a native Arizonan, will be the event headliner. There are plans for a big marketing push to get the word out and generate community involvement.

### **Library Happenings**

- Registration is underway for children and teens to join the 2014 Summer Reading Club. This year's theme is Fizz, Boom Read featuring many exciting events with a focus on science and technology. The Summer Reading Club runs from June 2 through July 25.
- **Monday, June 2, 5:30 p.m.** Look up to the Stars presents "Astronomy for Everyone: Size & Scale of the Universe". This is the kick-off of our Summer Reading Program. Learn about astronomy and look at sun spots through a solar filter that NASA uses! This program is for all ages and is something you won't want to miss!
- **Tuesday, June 3, 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.** Preschool Storytime. Hear a story, sing a song, and make a craft.
- **Tuesday, June 3, 1:30 p.m.** Friends of the Maricopa Public Library host an open discussion with coffee and refreshments. All are welcome.
- **Tuesday, June 3, 3:30 p.m.** Tale Waggers. Come read to PJ the Dog. For struggling readers and animal lovers.
- **Wednesday, June 4, 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 2:15 p.m.** Fun Van (advance registration required). Kids play and learn while parents and caregivers meet to discuss parenting skills.

- **Thursday, June 5, 9:30 a.m.** Storytime for ages 2 and under.
- **Thursday, June 5, 10 a.m.** Infant Brain Box for children 0-18 months old. “Back to Brain Time” is a refresher course for children and parents to revisit some of the concepts covered in the Brain Box sessions. Registration required.
- **Thursday, June 5, 3:45 p.m.** School Age Storytime. Stories are interactive and the craft is great fun.
- **Thursday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.** “Didgeridoo Down Under” is a high energy, interactive Australian-themed show that combines music, culture, science, comedy, and character building and is for all ages.

### **Fire Department**

#### **Community Outreach and Public Safety Events**

- **Public Safety Citizen Leadership Academy (PSCLA):** On Wednesday, May 21, the 2014 PSCLA class held their graduation BBQ. Congratulations to the citizens participating and completing the class.
- **Water Day:** L571 participated in Butterfield Elementary School’s end of the year “water day.”
- **Station Tour:** Station 571 hosted a tour for a group of preschoolers and their parents.

#### **Emergency Calls**

Maricopa Fire Department responded to a total of 67 requests for emergency assistance this week; most were medical in nature:

- **Motor Vehicle Accidents:** MFD responded to three reported motor vehicle accidents; one required hospital transport.
- **Snake Removal:** Two calls for assistance removing snakes from private property were responded to by MFD crews.
- **Difficulty Breathing/Chest Pain:** Crews responded to six requests for medical assistance due to difficulty breathing or reports of chest pain.
- **Structure Fire:** E572 was called to assist Casa Grande Fire on a structure fire in their jurisdiction.
- **Lockout:** Maricopa crews were dispatched to two reports of vehicle lockouts, both of which were cars containing small children, and to a report of a child locked in the bathroom. All three events were safely resolved with no injury or distress to the children.
- **Dumpster Fire:** E575 was dispatched to a report of a trash can fire at a private residence. Upon arrival crews found that the homeowner had managed to extinguish the debris fire with a garden hose. The crews confirmed the fire was out; no extension to the house was observed, and the scene was turned back over to the homeowner.
- **Mutual Aid:** E572 was dispatched on another call to Casa Grande to assist with fighting a house fire in that area.

- **Off Road Rescue:** E575 assisted Goodyear Fire on an ATV accident. The patient had possible fractured limbs and was evacuated by air to a hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

### **Police Department**

- **For Our City Meeting:** May 27, Lt. Mike Campbell attended the monthly For Our City Maricopa meeting at Station 575.
- **Department Training:** May 28, all sworn members of the department attended a training titled “Here are the Facts”. This training relies entirely on facts from cases involving search and seizure issues. Officers review the factual situations and determine whether the search or seizure involved was lawful. This is part of the officers’ yearly training requirements and was hosted by MPD. Police Departments county-wide were invited to participate.
- **Community Event:** May 24, Coffee with the Chief was held at the police station. The topic this month was the Rapid Response Team. The event had 20 members of the community attend. A presentation on the tools and equipment used by the team was given by Sgt. Leonard Perez and a demonstration was given on a tactical vehicle assault.
- **Field Training Completion:** Officer Mike MacAllister completed his sixteen week field training process. Officer MacAllister is now qualified to be a solo police officer and will be assigned to a swing shift squad.
- **Police Recruits:** Police recruits Brian Brugman and Scott Schreiber are in week four of the twenty week law enforcement academy. The two have excelled in all aspects of the academy so far.
- **Upcoming Community Event:** May 30, Chief Steve Stahl and members of the police department Honor Guard, will attend and participate in the VFW Memorial Day services. The service is at the Vet Center located off Maricopa/ Casa Grande Hwy from 8-9 a.m.
- **Upcoming Events:** Police recruit graduation, June 4 Chandler-Gilbert Community College. Nigel Bell is scheduled to graduate from the Law Enforcement Training Academy after completing an 11 month program. Once Bell graduates, he will start his 20 week field training program.

Respectfully submitted,



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